

III. HEALTH ISSUES AND PRIORITIES: IDENTIFICATION AND PRIORITIZATION

At the conclusion of the review of all data from the Community Diagnosis process and other sources, the Jefferson County Health Council identified key health issues. A second step was taken to collect more specific data as it related to each of these issues. The health council then ranked each issue according to size, seriousness, and effectiveness of intervention. A final overall ranking was then achieved. Table 7 indicates the health issues in rank order.

Table 7

JEFFERSON COUNTY HEALTH ISSUES / PRIORITIES

Rank Order

- 1. ADOLESCENT PROBLEM BEHAVIORS
- 2. PREVENTIVE HEALTH CARE
- 3. *ALCOHOL/SUBSTANCE ABUSE
 - *BREAST CANCER
- 4. HEART DISEASE
- 5. SMOKING/TOBACCO
- 6. +DIABETES
 - +MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS
- 7. MENTAL HEALTH
- 7. ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE RESOURCES

*Tied for #3 priority

+ Tied for #6 priority

IV. FUTURE PLANNING

The Health Planning sub-committee is charged with developing a Jefferson County Health Plan. This plan will contain prioritized goals, which will be developed by the health council along with proposed intervention strategies to deal with the problems identified and a listing of resources needed to implement those strategies.